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Memo For
From
Subject

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Work Program for NFIB Working Group
on Compartmentation

Attached is a copy of a 20 December 1978 memorandum for the DCI and DDCI from Mr. [redacted] which identifies individuals tasked to discharge certain work responsibilities for the Compartmentation Revision Work Program which was discussed at the 12 December 1978 NFIB meeting and subsequently approved by the DCI. [redacted] was charged by the DCI to carry out the Work Program.

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The 20 December 1978 memorandum can serve as your authorization to request participation, representations and assistance from any NFIB member agency in discharging the ~~assigned~~ tasks assigned to you to:

"Review security standards for personnel clearances."

In this connection may I refer you to certain background memoranda and staff papers which provide a basis for the concerns which give birth to this task. These papers in essence point out to Mr. ~~Walsh~~ Walsh and to the DCI security concerns about the clearance requirements extant in the US government for granting access to classified material. In view of the fact that a considerable volume

of intelligence material will be released from the protection of compartmentation systems and be potentially accessible by individuals holding Confidential, Secret or Top Secret clearances. The DCI has approved a review and study of clearance procedures. The goal of this ~~new~~ review is to ~~be~~ arrive at a personnel security standard lower than DCID 7/14 but higher than DoD TOP SECRET standard as a criterion for access to National Foreign Intelligence. The form of the new standard could be a DCID or an NFIB procedural guide.

While speaks of a deadline after the first of the year, he subsequently spoke of 12 Jan.

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c. Making it difficult to place materials and programs into compartmentation. [] 25X1

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He described that the new system would include approvals for operational projects, categories of intelligence product information, operational subcompartments for key analysts and production personnel, plus a tightly controlled series of approvals (now designated ULTRA) to protect information of special sensitivity designed for a highly selective audience. He pointed to the requirement for a Central Registry of approvals and establishing realistic controls over Top Secret information. Also the system would include a right to challenge both level of classification and compartmentation of APEX materials. This points to a need for some yet undefined body to manage the system. Also, he noted that he envisioned that activation of this new approach would throw great volumes of previously compartmented materials into collateral channels. Ten Task Forces are working on various facets of APEX implementation. One of the many tasks to be faced is to size the Community and number of personnel who will receive this material so determination can be made as to what changes may have to be made in clearance standards for receipt of National Foreign Intelligence. [] 25X1

[] advised that the DCI has provided full support to the APEX concept, as have members of his Working Group which is Community-wide in flavor. He also stated that he was already getting excellent assistance from security personnel in the Community and asked for continuing help. []

ITEM 5 - Next Meeting

The Chairman scheduled the next SECOM meeting for Wednesday, 21 February 1978 at 1000 in Room 7D32, CIA Headquarters. []

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Executive Secretary

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